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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. FRANCE AND THE YEAR OF EUROPE

EMBASSY PARIS REPORTS THAT THE US APPROACH TO A REVITALIZED ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS SEEN BY FRANCE AS CHALLENGING SEVERAL BASIC TENETS OF POMPIDOLIAN POLICY. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT WE COUNTER FRENCH FEARS BY PERSUADING THEM THAT WE DO NOT SEEK HEGEMONY IN EUROPE AND THAT WE DO NOT WISH TO CHANGE OUR COMMITMENT, ONLY REVITALIZE IT IN KEEPING WITH THE REALITIES OF THE 1970' S. (SECRET) PARIS 17349, 6/23.

2. ICELAND WILL INVOKE ARTICLE VII TODAY

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ACCORDING TO USNATO, ICELAND WILL SEND A LETTER TODAY TO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS REQUESTING THAT THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL REVIEW THE ICELAND- US DEFENSE AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VII OF THE AGREEMENT. AT THIS AFTERNOON' S NAC MEETING, ICELAND' S NATO AMBASSADOR TOMMASSON WILL READ THE LETTER WITHOUT COMMENT. (CONFIDENTIAL) USNATO 3027, 6/23.

3. LAO PARTIES REACH IMPASSE IN NEGOTIATIONS

THE ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT (RLG) ON JUNE 21 REJECTED A COMMUNIST DEMAND TO STATION LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT (LPF) TROOPS OUTSIDE VIENTIANE AND LUANG PRABANG ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS WOULD REPRESENT A PSYCHOLOGICAL CONQUEST OF THE RLG CAPITALS WHICH HAD NOT BEEN ACHIEVED IN TWENTY YEARS OF FIGHTING. THE LPF REPRESENTATIVE REPLIED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WERE THEREFORE AT AN IMPASSE, AND HE THREATENED TO RETURN TO SAM NEUA. (SECRET) VIENTIANE 4578, 6/23 (EXDIS).

4. INDONESIAN CONCERN OVER VIETNAM

THE INDONESIAN DEPUTY COMMANDER- IN- CHIEF HAS EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER THE GROWING PRESENCE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS IN SOUTH VIETNAM, THE ABSENCE OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE COUNTERACTION, AND THE INABILITY OF INDONESIA TO UNDERSTAND FULLY THE US ATTITUDE TOWARDS THIS MATTER. THE INDONESIAN GENERAL ALSO MENTIONED WITH CONCERN THE INDEFINITE PROSPECTS FOR HIS COUNTRY' S COMMITMENT TO THE ICCS. (SECRET) JAKARTA 7514 (EXDIS), 6/24.

5. POSSIBLE MOVE OF UNSC ME DEBATE TO GENEVA

THE KENYAN PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN, PROBABLY ACTING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, PROPOSED ON JUNE 22 THAT THE SC DEBATE ON THE MIDDLE EAST BE RESUMED IN GENEVA. WE STRONGLY OPPOSE A CHANGE IN VENUE, BOTH BECAUSE OF THE COST AND BECAUSE OF THE IMPLICATION THAT THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE IN NEW YORK IS NOT CONDUCTIVE TO FREE DEBATE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) USUN 2350 AND STATE 123387, 6/23. ROGERS

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